

THAT THEY MAY BE WHOLE AGAIN:
Ngara and Karagwe's Refugee Burdens
(Synoptic Notes)

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A. The Backdrop

- i. The Interlacustrine Kingdoms 1500-1915
- ii. Burundi - Rwanda 1916 - 1959
 - " " 1960 1995
- iii. Kagera - Ankole 1916 - 1961
 - " 1961 - 1995
- iv. Burundi - The Road To Limbo
- v. Rwanda - The Road To Holocaust
- vi. Tanzania - The Plight Of A Peaceseeker

B. The Paradox

- i. The Artificial Colonial Boundaries Mean A Lot
- ii. Troops and Policemen are Friends
- iii. Local Governance Works for the People
- iv. The Nation Means A Lot

- v. "Why Pity the Killers and Ignore Us?"

C. Hosting Hordes

(Ngara/Karagwe 485,000 residents. Refugees 1 January, 1995 500,000⁺)

1. Security

- i. The Risk (compare Zaire Border Zone)
- ii. The Response (5,000 troops/300 police)
- iii. The Result (quiet border/tense area/murderous camps)
- iv. The Cost (financial - \$5,000,000 a year?/social)

2. Initial Damage and Continuing Cost

- i. Fear/Disorder ("We could not understand people who were so violent to each other. We had to call out the sungu sungu every night ")
- ii. Water/Sanitation (fouled springs/filled latrines)
- iii. Health Supplies/Personal (Sweeping and Restocking)
- iv. "The maize is gone"
- v. Fuel (trees/books/desks and all -)

3. Cash Incomes

- i. Loss
 - The Kigali Market
 - Access To National Market (\$5,000,000 a year?)

ii. Gain

- Jobs
- Commerce/Rental
(\$5,000,000 a year?)

Side cost - loss key personnel ('Dead Boat' £70 a month - Principal Secretary £35 -)

iii. Prices

- Uneven Plus and Minus
(The Refugee Trade)
- Lo Impact Ordinary Kageran?
(Staple Food They Do Not Buy)

iv. Workload

- Wooding and Watering - Women's (Girls) Work Is Never Done

v. Ecology

- Woodless Rings
- Sinking Water
- Fouled Water
- Epidemics Waiting, Waiting
- Time Runs Out (Recovery of Balance 2000 assuming 90% refugee elsewhere by late 1995)

vi. Food

- Maize (But ...)
- Plantains (Opportunity **not** Disaster)
- Beans (Glutting the Market)
- If the Rains Fail (True, but how related?).

vii. Total Cost (1994-2000 Including Security)

- Gross \$70,000,000 to \$75,000,000

- Net \$60,000,000 to \$65,000,000
- Assumes 50,000 refugees maximum by 31 December 1995
- Total Cash Income of Two Districts - Pre 1994
Perhaps \$10,000,000 to \$45,000,000;
Total Including Self-Provisioning
Perhaps \$50,000,000 to \$60,000,000.

D. Response - Initial Six Months

- i. PM's
 - Security
 - Bolstering Local Govt.
 - Overall Study
- ii. Local Government
 - Being There
- iii. Civil Society (Churches, Red Cross, TVRS)
 - Trying To Help
- iv. International Responders
 - Netherland, UNICEF, Germany, Caritas, AMREF, Red Cross
 - Oxfam, WFP
- v. And Others
- vi. The Voiceless Villages (Too Small To Help Themselves or To Be 'Processed')

E. Toward A Strategic Package?

- i. PM's/UNICEF's Reviews (And UN Infighting)
- ii. Health/Nutrition/Watsan (UNICEF Initiatives)
- iii. Fuel-Forestry and Fuel Economy (DTZ Leadership)
- iv. Sustainable Agriculture-Agro Forestry (Netherlands Initiative)
- v. Roads and Highways (The Big Battalions Haver)
- vi. The Villages and A Two Tier Approach (UNICEF Initiative)
- vii. Congroup - SADC - International Small Projects - Special Conference Scenario

(Total Cost Estimate 1994/2000 - \$30,000,000 to \$35,000,000)

F. Related Problems

- i. The Necessity of Movement
 - Security
 - Hate Grows in Camps/Lives Grow in Villages
 - Refoulement Or Resettlement (But the latter costs money!)
 - Tanzania - UNHCR - UN - UN Funder Positions
- ii. The Price of Non-Prevention
 - Fuelling The Flames - The RPF's 'Air'

- Protecting The Transitional Government ("If you have the UN to protect, you buy your coffin now")
 - Why **not** a Trusteeship?
- iii. The Generality of Myopia
- Burundi
 - Algeria
 - And how many more?
- iv. Light Brigades Charge In (And Out -)
- Somalia (vs Somaliland)
 - Angola (vs Mozambique)
- v. Turning The Blind Eye?
- The Death of 35 Years of Multiparty Democracy (Recognising The Gambian Cowboys)
 - Defending Legitimacy/Seeing Off Lesotho's Coupsters
 - Contest Or Else ... (Neighbours Address Dhlakama) (SADC Means Business)